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1. Eight troop trains with 49 x 152 mm. gun howitzers [redacted] were dispatched from Rathenow to Altengrabow between 15 and 19 May.* 25X1
2. On 19 May, the Generaldirektion Schifffahrt Berlin received orders for the immediate collection of all loaded [redacted] and empty transports on inland waterways to and from Hamburg via Rothensee near Magdeburg. It was also asked to determine how many cargoes would be lost for inland shipping if the locks at Rothensee were blocked. The loss of cargo was to be figured until the end of 1952. Preparations for the repair of the Rothensee locks were implied.**

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 Ratherow. The trains carried the 10th Howitzer Artillery Brigade of the
 6th Artillery Division from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne.

Comment: It is possible that the blocking of the Rothensee locks for alleged repairs will considerably decrease the flow of waterway transport from Western Germany to Western Berlin.

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